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Sent: 16 May 2018 17:32

To: Neil Crass <Neil.Crass@dft.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT PRINCES PARADE, FOLKESTONE CT21 6AQ

Dear Mr Crass,

My personal objections to 'stopping up' of this road have little to do with the proposed development. This council is driving that forward in the teeth of overwhelming public opposition already.

My objections to you relate to the impact on the various disabled anglers who fish all along Princes Parade as it is one of very few beach front fishing locations where you can park a car right beside the sea and fish. At certain parts of Princes Parade you can even access the beach in a wheel chair. There is nowhere else for miles that this can be done.

If they are allowed to divert the course of this road away from the seafront it will have an immediate, negative and completely discriminatory impact on every one of these individuals. As someone who fished with disabled people for many years (before my own back injuries became so bad that I can no longer fish on the beach) I cannot overstate the negative impact that this 'stopping up' of the road will have on vulnerable members of this community. The District Council are fully aware of this negative impact but choose to ignore all objections from the community and plough on with their plans.

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[REDACTED] 16 May 2018, at 14:18, Neil Crass <Neil.Crass@dft.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Sir/madam

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990: S.247
PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT PRINCES PARADE, FOLKESTONE CT21 6AQ
OS GRID REFERENCE: E:618281, N:134781

Our ref: NATTRAN/SE/S247/3254

Further to our recent email acknowledging receipt of your objection to the above mentioned stopping up Order.

As you are aware, planning permission for the associated development has not yet been granted by Folkestone and Hythe District Council. Should planning permission be granted for the development we will be re-assessing the objections that we have received to ensure that they are valid in relation to the stopping up Order.

If it is evident that concerns pertain predominantly to the impact of the proposed development rather than directly to or any possible consequences arising from the stopping up of the section of highway verge proposed by the above stopping up Order, then they will not be accepted. The Secretary of State's role in the matter is limited to considering the impact closure of a highway would have on users, and to take a decision which determines where the ultimate public interest may lie.

Should the planning permission be called in or if there is an inquiry then we would look to join that inquiry. The Secretary of State for Transport would then look to issuing a decision following that inquiry.

Although planning permission has not yet been granted, Section 253 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Growth and Infrastructure Act 2013 allows the Secretary of State to start the consultation to stop up the highway as long as an applicant has applied for planning permission. An Order would then be issued following the granting of planning permission and assuming that any objections had been resolved either by the applicant or via a form of inquiry.

In the meantime, a copy of your email has been forwarded to Folkestone and Hythe District Council, the applicant, who may get in touch with you to discuss the objection. I should be grateful if you would forward copies of any correspondence you may have with the applicant, and should matters be concluded to your satisfaction, confirm to us that you no longer object.

Please be aware that where a stopping up Order becomes the subject of a local Public Inquiry (PI), all correspondence is copied to the Inspector conducting the Inquiry and will also be kept in the PI library, where it is publicly available.

Kind regards

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